

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 15th May 2024 at 10:30hrs in
the Council Chamber, County Hall, Carricklawn**

Presiding: Cllr. Jim Moore– An Cathaoirleach

Councillors: Cllr. Lisa McDonald - Leas Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Jim Codd
Cllr. Ger Carthy
Cllr. Frank Staples

Officials: Nóirín Cummins – District Manager
Lynda Lacey – District Director
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer (Roads)
Sandra Martin – Staff Officer
Johanna Somers – Assistant Staff Officer
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer (Housing)
Angela Finn – Senior Staff Officer (Housing Capital)
Caroline Creane – Administrative Officer (Community)
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner
Gerry Forde – Senior Engineer (Environment)

Remote: George Colfer – Senior Engineer (Environment)
Sharon Pettitt – Office of Verona Murphy TD

Apologies:

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, confirmed that the requisite quorum was in place, and welcomed all those in attendance including members of the Rosslare Harbour Residents Group.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Monthly Meeting

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 17th April 2024, were proposed by Cllr. Ger Carthy and seconded by Cllr. Frank Staples.

1.2 Matters Arising

None

2. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members

The Schedule of Municipal Works for 2024 was proposed by Cllr. Ger Carthy and seconded by Cllr. Jim Moore.

The Estate Naming Policy for Part XI Housing Schemes was proposed by Cllr. Ger Carthy and seconded by Cllr. Frank Staples.

3. District Manager Report

3.1 District Managers Report

The District Manager delivered her previously circulated monthly report including a report on the delegation visit to Dunkirk on 1st May 2024

The Members thanked the District Manager for her work and support over the past five years.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

4.1 Roads Report

The District Engineer delivered the previously circulated report before responding to questions raised by the Members.

Rathaspeck Junction

In response to Cllr. McDonald's request for more information on the safety improvements required at Rathaspeck Junction, the District Engineer confirmed a low-cost safety grant had been secured and he will discuss further with the Roads Safety Engineer and will advise.

Taking in Charge Report

In response to Cllr. McDonald's request for a monthly Taking in Charge report, the DE committed to putting the request to the planning section.

Trinity

In response to a request for new signage for Trinity, as it splits Districts, the District Engineer confirmed he would look at it from the regional road and would request Wexford Borough to look at the other end of the road.

Dead Ash Trees

The District Engineer agreed with Cllr. Codd regarding the large volume of dead ash trees, as a lot are on private lands, the district will write to landowners. Due to the cost, it would require Government funding for the district to remove the trees. Cllr. Moore stated there were grants available for private landowners. The District Engineer confirmed that traffic management is provided to landowners by the Local Authority where regional or local roads are affected.

Drainage

The DE confirmed to Cllr. Codd that the main drainage grant has been exhausted, and while there are smaller amounts available for drainage works through the other budget line items, due to the low-lying nature of the district's roads, funding from central government would be required to deliver the additional pipework needed.

The Members commended and thanked the District Engineer for the work carried out in the district since his appointment.

4.2 Housing Report

The Senior Staff Officer highlighted that there were currently 23 houses available for HAP participants and people presenting as homeless, as well as 18 houses on the Choice Based Letting system for the district.

4.2.1 Rosslare MD Specific

The Members noted the content of the Rosslare MD Specific report.

4.2.2 Housing Capital Project Report

The Members noted the content of the Housing Capital Project report.

The members thanked the Housing Section for their work over the past five years.

4.3 Planning Report

The Members noted the content of the report. A discussion ensued regarding log cabins on private lands.

Derelict Sites

The Executive Planner committed to checking with her colleagues in the planning section regarding the number of derelict houses outside of the villages that have not availed of the grant, to date the figures logged relate to properties in the towns & villages.

4.4 Libraries Archives & Arts Report

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

Former Bank of Ireland Building

Cllr. Carthy requested for the library to explore the possibility of implementing a small library service in the new community centre planned for Rosslare Harbour.

Yola Language

Cllr. Codd requested the library encourage and highlight attention to the Yola language.

4.5 Community Development Report

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

The Administrative Officer highlighted the request for volunteers for the Fleadh. 1,500 volunteers working 2 or 3 four-hour shifts are required for the festivities, currently there are approximately 500 volunteers signed up.

4.6 Environment Report

The content of the previously circulated report was noted. The Senior Engineer advised he had met with the IFA regarding the ash die back and confirmed that he will meet with Roads and revert to the IFA.

Regarding wastewater treatment in the district, the SE agreed with Cllr. Carthy that there is an issue and confirmed that water services had been in touch with the environment section to schedule a meeting.

The Members were advised that an application for funding had been submitted by Sports Active for outdoor huts at the beaches, this was welcomed by Cllr. McDonald who requested huts in Rosslare Strand and Carne beaches, Cllr. Codd requested a hut for the beach at Kilmore Quay.

Cllr. Carthy issued an apology to the Senior Engineer for the remarks made at the previous district meeting and wished to amend the record stating that he was one of the finest officials in the Local Authority. The apology was fully accepted by the Senior Engineer who acknowledged that Elected Members have a very difficult job to do.

In response to Cllr. Moore's query regarding the tender for the emergency works in Seaview, the Senior Engineer advised that the section is hoping to go to tender in a few weeks, it would be open for a minimum of 21 days and should close by the end of June. Once funding is secured, it was confirmed that there will be no delay on Wexford County Council's part.

The Senior Engineer confirmed this meeting was his last as he was due to retire. He acknowledged that not only had he worked with the current Elected Members, but also members of their families through different community groups and schemes.

4.7 Fire Services Report

The contents of the report were noted.

4.8 Special Projects – Greenway Update

It was confirmed that a briefing with the Elected Members would be facilitated on 27th May, prior to going to public consultation. A Teams invite would be issued by Special Projects this week.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Notice of Motion/s

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Moore put forward a motion, supporting the motion put forward at the last Plenary Council meeting, for a special engineering team to deal with all coastal issues & erosion. This was proposed by an Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. McDonald and seconded by Cllr. Codd.

7. Any Other Business

Sympathies were extended to Cllr. Codd and his family on their recent loss of Cllr. Codd's father, Eddie Codd.

Annual Meeting

The date of the Annual Meeting was set for Wednesday 26th June 2024.

Farewell

As it was the final meeting of the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Jim Moore confirmed he will not run for re-election, and messages of farewell and best wishes were read aloud by the executive and Elected Members which was followed by a small presentation.

Upon closing the meeting, Cllr. Moore thanked everybody for their sentiments, wished everyone well hoping they reap the rewards on the work put into the establishment of the district. Commenting that the one of the main difficulties of Local Authorities lies in the centralisation of power, he wished all well in achieving their objectives and thanked his wife Lucy and their children for their support over the years.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 22nd July 2024

Cllr. Jim Codd
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District